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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Epistle: Acts 11:19-30

St. Job, the Long Suffering

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Tone: Four

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: O Lord, how magnificent are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

IN THOSE DAYS, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Assile family.

The Sallom, Saliba, and Targove families will sponsor the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy," just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

1. Today we will celebrate a MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Servants of God, +STAVROS and +PANAYIOTA PANTELOPOULOS, parents of our parishioner Eva Pantel. **MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**
2. From Holy Pascha until Ascension Thursday (May 17th), the Orthodox Tradition continues the Paschal music, prayers and greetings. This is the practice because the Church lives in the earthly, but "resurrected" Presence of the Risen Christ, who appeared to the disciples and apostles often during these forty days. Thus being a true "pan-Orthodox" community, we continue to greet each other in the various languages familiar to the Orthodox Christians around the world. Below are the exchanges.
Christ Is Risen..... Truly He Is Risen
Al-Maseeh Qahm..... Hak' An Qahm (Arabic)
Christos Anesti..... Alithos Anesti (Greek)
Christos Voskrese..... Va Istenu Voskrese (Slavonic)
Christos a Inviat..... A Devarat Ka Inviat (Romanian)
Cristye Agh-zda..... Chesh-Maritad (Georgian)
3. **NO FASTING.** The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch has declared that there is to be **no fasting** from Easter to Ascension (**May 19th**), since "we do not fast while the Bridegroom is present." Also there is **NO KNEELING** in the church until **PENTECOST (May 27th)**.
4. The **new** date for the Parish Council meeting for May is moved from **May 8th** to **May 16th!** This is the Eve of the Ascension of our Lord; the Vespers Liturgy will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will follow the Liturgy. All Parish Council members should be present at both the Liturgy and the meeting, which follows. Again: that's **May 16th**, the Eve of the Ascension of the Lord.
5. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17,18,19: Costume Jewelry Needed.** Last year, the sale of costume jewelry was very profitable. **Jewelry donations will be collected on Sunday, April 29 and May 6.** Please bring them in small boxes or zip-lock bags. **All other items are to be brought to church on Sunday, May 13.** Please see Valerie Joseph with any questions. **Also, have you signed up to be part of this profit-making event?** See Robyn Ziemba during coffee hour to be included in the man/womanpower schedule.
6. **Parishioners** are invited to a **Pre-Yard Sale Evening:** Wednesday, May 16 @ 5:30 - 7 P.M. Just before attending Ascension Service, come and shop to get the best selection of merchandise before the sale opens to the public on Thursday!
7. On **Friday, May 25th at 7:00 PM**, the Icon and Prayer Service for the **Myrrh-streaming Mother of God KARDIOTISSA Icon** will be brought to St Anthony's Please see Father Michael Ibrahim for information, but for now he is asking us to get that date on our calendar, and bring your friends and family to witness this miracle! Again that's May 25th at 7:00 PM, when the service and anointing will begin. See *The Desert News* for more information.
8. **The Second Annual Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing** at White Beeches Country Club in Haworth, NJ will be held on June 12th. You do not have to be a golfer; there are various other ways to participate. (See further opportunities in *The Desert News*.) All profits go toward Camp Scholarships in honor of Don's deep commitment to the camp and our children's experience there. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins for further information.
9. **Young At Heart's trip to High Point Country Club on Tuesday, May 8th is cancelled.**
10. Robert Scarpa Sr. is arranging a **Holy Land tour for May 2019 (next year)**. If anyone is interested in taking this trip Robert Scarpa is having a tourist representative come to St Anthony's after service on **Today, Sunday May 6, 2018** in the Jabara Media room at 12 PM to answer any questions that you may have regarding this trip and to explain the itinerary.
11. There will be a brief Women's Guild Meeting after Church today, May 6th to firm up Yard Sale arrangements. **The May 10th Meeting is cancelled.**